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RESERVE AFFAIRS

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To The Men And Women Of The United States Army Reserve:

Congratulations on the 97<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Army Reserve!

From its organization in 1908 as the Medical Reserve Corps, to today's diverse force of over 310,000 dedicated people, Army Reservists have always answered the nation's call to duty. Nearly 215,000 men and women have served in the Global War on Terror; over 108,000 are still on duty.

Service in the armed forces is a privilege, and on behalf of the Department of Defense I thank all United States Army Reserve members for volunteering to be twice the citizen.

Happy birthday!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. F. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H".

T. F. Hall